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In scanning this listing (assignments Jan. 1963-July 1965) for patents assigned to our competitors, I found no mention of R. J. Reynolds, Brown & Williamson, British-American Tobacco, Imperial Tobacco, or U. S. Tobacco. P. Lorillard was assignee for three patents, all in the field of filters, including "Selective Cigarette Filters" by Bell, Spears, Routh, and Lassiter; Liggett & Myers was assigned five, one for "Determination of Moisture in Tobacco," one for improved coherent tobacco strip, and three concerning filters by F. V. Hall with others, including "Apparatus and Process for Compacting Cigarette Filter Tip Assemblies Containing Granular Material." American Tobacco Company had nine patents assigned: four concerning instrumentation, two on cigarette handling, and one each on a cigarette package, a filter element, and an "inflatable canopy." The instrumentation concerned stem content determination, photoelectric scanning, radiation gauge, and quality indicator for maker. One of the A.T.C. applications is that on which we have cross-licensing agreements; it has now issued (U.S.3,236,244, Irby & Harlow).

For possible polaret and electret work, I looked at assignments for 3M Co. and E. I. du Pont. The latter very frequently uses vague titles, e.g., "Product." Only eight of their applications showed even a remote relationship to the subject and it is entirely possible that none truly concerned it. Some typical examples were "Composite Film Structure and Process" (two applications), "Process for Preparing Metallic Film Products," and "Image Reproduction Elements and Processes."

In the same way, numerous 3M patents bore a vague connotation of the general area of polarets or electrets, but none showed any clear connection. Naturally, many of their patents dealt with information recording and the like.

If you are interested in more detail, I will be happy to send you these lists.

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